Review of electronics policy

*139. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate a critical review of the working of the electronics policy in view of the fact that incentives have not been providing enough stimulus to the industry and the production targets of Rs. 10,860 crores for the terminal year of the Seventh Five Year Plan are not likely to be achieved; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Broadly the incentives have yielded the desired results. Further stimulus to the industry is being provided by periodic monitoring and review, and adopting measures from time to time to sustain and accelerate the growth. It is expected that the target of Rs. 10,860 crores proposed for the terminal year (1989-90) of the Seventh Five Year Plan will be achieved.

Voluntary retirement for Central Government employees

*140. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the period of voluntary retirement from the present 20 years for Central Government employees;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that in most of the advanced countries, the voluntary retirement period of employees is 15 years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that by reducing the period of voluntary retirement, the employment problem will be solved to a greater extent; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to reduce the voluntary retirement of Central Government employees from 20 to 15 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The present Scheme of Voluntary Retirement allowing an option to Government Servants to retire after twenty years of qualifying service was introduced in 1977 after careful consideration of all aspects. The Fourth Pay Commission, which had gone into various aspects of the conditions of service of Central Government Servants, has not recommended any reduction in the period of service for voluntary retirement. No modification in the existing Scheme of Voluntary retirement is therefore, contemplated.

(c) The information is not available in this Ministry.

(d) As the number of Government servants, who have sought voluntary retirement under the existing Scheme, is not significant, the proposal for allowing Government servants to retire voluntarily after 15 years of service is not likely to have any impact in solving the unemployment problem in the country.

(e) Does not arise.